

Article - Health – General

§ 4-401. Concealment of records and reports.

(a) *"Provider" defined.*- In this section, "provider" means:

(1) An acupuncturist;

(2) A chiropractor;

(3) A dentist;

(4) A nurse;

(5) An optometrist;

(6) A physician;

(7) A podiatrist; or

(8) A person who is employed by or under contract with a hospital, nursing institution, or other health care provider.

(b) *Concealment prohibited.*- A provider may not knowingly or willfully destroy, damage, alter, obliterate, or otherwise obscure a medical record, hospital report, laboratory report, X-ray report, or other information about a patient in an effort to conceal the information from use as evidence in an administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding.

(c) *Penalty.*- A provider who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.